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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Entitled: PROMOTER WHICH ALLOWS TRANSGENE EXPRESSION IN THE
ENTIRE EXCEPT THE SEED

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) (3), please substitute for pending claims 6, 7, 12-15, 17, 18, 23, and 24 with the following clean version of the claims. The changes to these claims are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version of Claims."

6. (Amended) The use of a sequence as claimed in claim 1, for identifying fragments of the sequence SEQ ID No. 1 which allows the expression of a gene of interest in the tissues of a plant, except in the maturing seed and in the dry seed.

7. (Amended) An expression cassette, characterized in that it comprises a sequence of interest fused to a sequence comprising a promoter sequence as claimed in claim 1.

12. (Amended) A vector comprising an expression cassette as claimed in claim 7.